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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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# Cv 96-4849  
CV 96-5161  
CV 97-461  
(ERK) (MDG)

In re;  
Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation

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LEGAL SERVICES

This is a Proposal ( application)solicitation from unclaimed residual funds and according to Hon.Judge KOrman order dated nov.17 2003 for providing assistance to needyNazi victims.

We are a organization of Holocaust Survivors : The Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors Inc.,4912-14 ave Brooklyn N Y 11219,our members are Holocaust Survivors and we are helping and looking for betterment of the Survivors population.Is attached a letter with more explanation of our work and also the situation we are in and those pages are a part of this solicitation(application for alocation).Those pages was originally written to Mr. Grbetz,but we attaching them to this request papers.

Since as explaine d in thos pages our organization has no funds to operate and asked the Claims Conference to some funding they refused but for other not so needed puproses they alocated funds,is a version that since the paers was not profesonally written was also reason for declining but since we don't have no workers or profesonals and no moneys to pay them,and for this reason also we asking your Honor to alocate us some funds that we can operate a office and have a social worker on duty.THIS request is besides the program for building apartments,what is described better in the papers attached(letter).

On page of those letter on page 5 third paragraff I recomend to this HOn Court that every survivor designated to entitle to receive and to use these fund for housing(notwhitstanding if a organization receive the funds)to designate a sum for every such survivor and he he choose the way he wanted as I described inthat same page paragraff 5(last) that he can go to other city as well.

Our organization would be ready to asist themto put togeter 2 or 3,Or four or more to buy togeter a used house or a lot to build and utilize the oportunity to buy togeter a whole house which finaltialy is more better and comperatve to buy.(everyone will have a condo).


I understand that this Hon.Court will use guidelines if any, about the eligibility and maybe other guidelines.

As the attached information letter(and this is trend in Brklyn) a 2 bedroom apartment would cost aprox 275.000 dolars which is for couple, is for one survivor would bel37 500 dolars.A older house maybe would cost less but maybe no tax abatment.

We attaching copies from the aplications submitted to the Claims Conference and asking this Hon Court to consider the financing of prog<sup>1</sup>rams asked there,since withoutt basic financing our organization we can't do anything,but nobody would do without it.

We asking to have consultation with Mr Gribetz in finding and answering of questions if arise.

Respectfully submitted.



Abraham Friedman  
secretary.

January 29 2004.

Rabbi L. Laufer  
hon. Chairman

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Mr. Juda Gribetz.

Dear Mr. Gribetz ;

Enclosed find a copy of article written by Mr. Lubinsky (whom I asked to call you and promise that he will in few days) about the need for Holocaust Survivors who are in need a roof over their heads and to improve the quality of their life. I will elaborate below a little more.

I want write a few information about our organization, which will highlight some of the issues. We was seeing the misery of some survivors like Mr. Lubinsky illustrated but only partially. A case in point; We lost our president Mr. Keller a few month ago and after, we find that he lived in studio apartment without even a garage. He complained all time that he has no minute menucha (peace of mind) no room to stretch a bit, which brought him friction with his wife no room to maneuver and succumbed after some heart attacks. He was in concentration camps by 5 years taken from Slovakia, and since he was a quite man not many knew about his problems. Some social workers from organizations who handle social issues for holocaust survivors had connections to him, but only in emergency situations he had some help. The existing organizations only helping in emergencies and not so easy. This illustrate the situation holocaust survivors live and only after catastrophe struck can see the real problems. Since we don't have yet a new president I as the secretary of this organization was entrusted to try to ask organizations and persons who have ability to help to do that, and explain them the need for the help. We tried to work out some solution for housing for survivors and we find that in Brooklyn is around a few hundred from the survivors who doesn't have no house only paying rent and today price for renting is around 1200 dollars minimum and with a case like who get approx only 1000 dollar Social Security and maybe a few dollars from the Germans and not everybody getting is impossible to pay such rent. True some monies around from the Claims Conference but this is only in emergency situation, as Mr. Lubinsky mentioned, but in real such help is only on emergency situations, and if that emergency stop have to wait for next month emergency and so on. The survivor can't cope with such system and please don't forget that is only emergency situation and only limited moneywise.

This page is continuation of letter to Mr. Gribetz of 11/26,03.

I have to emphasize, that to get that emergency help is some time for the survivor very uncomfortable, also in some instances they are subjected to humiliation and severe investigations of showing the need and ability and the unfortunate status to receive those help. Not all survivors are ready to undergo to such procedure. These situations is hard to explain in letter, but as Mr. Lubinsky mention the work of of Met Council which I also saying that is commendable, but read on his letter page 2 top that Met Council serve frequently indigent survivor. Who is indigent? Someone is not so indigent or are ashamed to proclaim themselves as indigent, they doesn't deserve the help, and frequently means ? what ?. how you consider frequent.

The organizations mentioned above are financed by the Claims Conference (I am sure that you know who they are) and are very strict with the instructions they receiving which are sometimes very harsh for survivors. Met Council have separate funding, according to our knowledge. The Claims Conference paying for those organizations all the expenses, rent, personnel all other expenses and are subject to they buerocrats thinking, who are all young people who are not aware and didn't wanted to know about suffering of the survivors. According to the facts in this case some survivors have some relief in emergency situation, but in case of paying or helping paying rent they only help in case when is shown that is a eviction or homeless case.

But here came the problem who knows how long that Claims Conference will be able or be willing to service these organizations with money since rumors are that they have decided to close their doors as attached newspaper clip shows, and according their own annual report that they have taken out 250 million dollars to put aside since they claim today (till now nobody said) that by saying that these moneys are not the holocaust survivors money but the whole Jewish people have the right to those monies, and needy survivors will be left out from these programs and what they will do to be helped to paying the rent in case even eviction or homelessness.??? or similar emergencies. According our information the German Courts ruled that some large properties from Jewish owners without heirs have to given to the Claims Conference to distribute to needy survivors, but who knows how they will handle these transactions. Please don't forget the Claims Conference has no control even though they staff and the rumors are that in such circumstances some manipulate with moneys without any control. They maintain auditing by Ernest and Young their books, but no control whatsoever on a lot of transactions, even the N.Y. Attorney General is afraid and does not control them even they have to, they will not do open any critic for a large Jewish organization even they plundering Jewish assets which belong to Holocaust survivors, especially money assets.

The above critic on the Claims Conference is maybe not of interest for you Mr. Gribetz, but I have to explain the situation holocaust survivors are in, believe me that is lot of issue what we are not aware and I didn't touched even all what we are aware, but if you need more information I am ready to supply.

In the case of this letter is clear for us that that Judge Korman's work and your involvement is clear that is not influenced with political and interest peddling by the members of the persons making decisions also they board of directors who are no survivors and they organizations they represent they very little to do with survivors. Between 24 boardmembers

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of the US members are only 2 survivors, Mr. Kent and Mr. Meed from other countries maybe are survivors (is ten foreign countries per two members)

During writing this letter I find in the annual report of Claim Conference for 2002 page 38 information about so called court order about the use of the part of the Swiss settlement funds for the Emergency Assistance program which is similar what I described in the previous pages and what I criticized. Till now I didn't heard none of this order, if I would I would try to provide the Judge to be very careful with dealing with them. I have to emphasize maybe again that these monies trusted them to distribute to needy survivors and only to needy again what means needy and only emergency what means again emergency and is very interesting that the Claims Conference disbursing large funds for non holocaust survivors and for organizations they maybe or maybe not serving survivors and receiving city, state and federal monies for the same purpose and there is no limitations of only emergency. Also there is limitation of amount how much they survivors can get in a year. Those who receiving these type of service are not asked if they are indigent and no limitation of amount cost, which means that even rich or very rich get unlimited services, but when come to a survivor who need some help they do question him of his indigent status, what emergency and they have to prove even humiliating that no dignity and confidentiality exist some also spying after them. This is the norm by such organization. The same Claims Conference giving the money for those only indigent and only emergency situation they same giving for organizations whose not dealing with indigent (direct) and emergency situation. And what about the issue of the 80% and 20% discussions, they giving moneys (large amounts) for education, and so called remembrance and research type allocations there no questions asked if they are indigent or is a emergency. I have to insert the known story of a indigent Jew come to the Rabbi if he is allowed to use milk for the pasover seder instead of wine, since he doesn't have money to buy wine. The Rabbi take out a 100 dollar bill and saying go buy wine. The rabbi's wife asked the Rabbi why you gave 100 dollars for 19 or 20 dollars is enough, said the rabbi if he come and ask if milk is God then means that he doesn't have no meat for the pasover. The same here if they already acknowledging this survivor as indigent then why is the need to find also emergency and set a amount and no more. (maybe the Swiss money is different) but the Claims Conference has more money and giving for not indigent all type of services (even for very rich) and no question asked if he is indigent and or is a emergency. They don't care for dignity.

We had a appointment with Mr. Gideon Taylor we were 5 survivors even we had a appointment he didn't want to give us more than 5 minutes to discuss our problems, and let his secretary continue the discussions. Here this secretary who is today high ranking official by them and she was asked by one of our delegation why he can't receive from the German funds he was in a Hungarian camp, she asked the number of that place he said it and she saying wait a minute and went to next room and come back that this number is not on the list, then I asked what kind of list she said that they made a agreement with the Germans that certain places they will pay, I asked can we see that list she said no why? she saying that if I show that list I will have tomorrow 100 people by the door for compensation, these words was so outrageous, but this is their system they didn't adhere or take in

This page 4 is continuation of letter to Mr. Gribetz of 11/26 03.

consideration survivors need. Those delegation was from our organization. We approached Mr. Taylor to give us a emergency grant of 500 dolar he shame-lasly declined. All the above information and kritik of the system I desribet according the information I see in the documents they disbursed and by talking to survivors they use their services and also with the oficials of the organizations.

I will illustrate the issues with our organization; The Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, Inc. which we chartered in New York State 11/20 2000. A copy of the first meeting reslution attached. But in short we wanted and advocated for survivors which are not served or ina inadequate serviced. We find that is around sutvivors they doesn't have enough income to pay the rent (besides other problems) and they doesn't have no hope for more income, Income I mean only social secubity, some German payments since they have now no other type of income. Some asked social organizations for help some get it partialy some dddn't asked and some didn't get. Was episode that the Israeli members of the Claim Conference board argued that they dont believe that American jewisg live in poverty, and came one of the organiza-tion which receiving grants from them took them for visits the jewish ame-cans which lived in poverty but such poverty what those delegatg couldn't believed. We seeing such instances regularly severe or some better conditions but when come to housing only a permanent solution can help. We was working hard to find solution for these problem and speciaiy of housing. We discusd with the Claims Conference bigies, but they din't wanted to hear about hou-sing problem. I pinpointed them that they financed in Israel with millions of dolars projects for holocaust survivors housing every year. Is true that the Israeli members of their board are more sñiled and more courageous dealing to achieve their goal. Was explanation that since after 20 some years will not be more survivors and who will get those apartments and in israel the jewish government will take over but here the chinese or spanish or else will take it. HERE is a partialy answer the Claims Conference is not for giving apartments ~~fx~~ after no more survivors for the Israeli government, and I don't think that the Israeli government need headaches wit such project I enclose a letter written by Rabbi Borchard a senior rabbi in the hirearchy of the Agudat Israel organization with his sugestion, which is also not bad, if we ommit the Claims Conference as the admisitrator.

Is also a offer to build and since now some survivors still have the slave labor moneys they can paid into by 10 maybe 20,000 dolars down payment and after assume some mortgages with help of public moneys in the end the mortgage can every survivor will assume for a low interest maybe asubsidized. In this case the survivors their families will help them to manage themselves their apartment and no need for other organizations handle which again will be costly and be buerocratic.

Can be solution with the assistant living facilities, but there is problem that looks like a nursing home from seniours are wery afraid and also this is wery wery costly and in case that facility or the organization which runs it is not more capable or unviling or any problems the survivors are wery much out of luck and is wery bad situation for them,.

Is also other problems survivors has like to try to get more com-pensation from Germany ( which is known that the Claims Conference handle but accirding to is not soadequate) but is also some reparation and help

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from Hungary( our v.p. Rabbi Weiss is wery instrumental and evn was in dis-  
 cussion with their oficial to change their attitude, what the Hungarian jewish  
 also trying0). Also those who are not serviced for any reason whatsoever by  
 the existing organizations, their need a lot efforts and to help them, but  
 our organization have no moneys we didn't received no peny from the Claims  
 Conference or any other organizations which usually giving grants and have  
 the money to do, but ~~we~~ didn't giving. We applied to the Claims Conference and  
 to the UJA ,but politly saying they only give for old organizations which  
 is also not true since no one is old in the Holocaust Survivors field(Org.).  
 In the first meetings we try to take money from the members attended those  
 meetings, and after the first two offered some amount like 50 dlrs, the third  
 said I have no money for that( which most probably was true and further was  
 ofered 10 dolras and 5 dolras by saying the same, some said that we know tht  
 is comming to Brooklyn yearly millions to Brooklyn and no other organization  
 asking any money, then we decide that we will not burden our members to pay,  
 and is true that is a lot of money for this purposes, but we didn't get almost  
 no help from anybody. Monies even no peny. We have our ofices in the "Y" buil-  
 ding in Brooklyn, and we can use their facilities if we need for meetings or  
 else but we have no telephone there. This we recived from them as courtesy, we  
 are thankfull for their assistance. No organization did any I mention any. to  
 survivors before they received monies from the Claims conference or UJA, and  
 they doing only what the Claims Conference directing them to do, and this is  
 not all time the interest of the survivors.

In idiscussion with the director of SBCO which is a organization  
 specializing with development of building apartements for jewish neighbor-  
 hods and they succesfully builded in the past without troubles. His name is  
 Rabbi Leibovitz wery talented person and he asked me why you dnn't pursue  
 to buy existing housing since they are altime in the market to buy and some  
 in wery good condition money vise and time vise, and other conditions.

In this stage I would recomend that survivors who are eligible  
 to receive a specific amount of grant or subsidy to buy a used house or a  
 apartment(condo) or two or more survivors to buy a existing house. Survivors  
 to get suficient amount of subsidy to to enable them to buy a existing  
 house or buy togeter a lot to build. ( To build anew has advantage to get  
 abatment of the real estate taxes and or as non profut organization involve  
 get exempt of sales tax and other advantages what could come to substantial  
 amounts), on the other side a used hosue is not sure but usually can be bought  
 cheaper. Also on new construction is sometime opion toget subsidized mortga-  
 ge rate an other subsidies. Also in new construction can be included elevator  
 wich for survivor sometimes a must.

The subsidy option is also could come as advantages to such subvi-  
 vors who are in the advanced age and more frail can choose to enrole in a  
 existing assistance living facility and maybe to buy or lease a room and  
 pay for the services at a discont price, here is the advantage that survivors  
 doesn't have to wait till the new owner will build new facilities.

The subsidy option has also a advantage that the survivors can  
 choose from options mentioned in the previous pargraffs they can have more  
 like they are not bind with one location like here in Brooklyn they can go  
 a do the same in Monsey ,Lakewood and even Florida or else, and the same is  
 with the livng asistance facilities, as above mentioned.

This page 6 is continuation of letter written to Mr. Gribetz f 11/26 03.

In the previous pages I illustrated in very short the plight of the survivors what in truth a man like me with limited ability to write such subject but since we have not ability to hire someone who can I have no choice but to do it the way we can, and hope that you Mr. Gribetz and also Hon. Judge Korman will see also between the lines what I will miss to write.

The condition of the survivors in need for housing is obvious as mentioned above that the income they have is not enough to cover the living expenses and when rent increases occurs and he can't pay the rent is subject to eviction and with other problems survivors has he comes to a stage that his living is interrupted and are burdened by "the inability to live in a normal way".

I have to remark that my objections to the Claims Conference involvements in this project is only for reasons their inability and their behaviour in the past years toward the Holocaust Survivors according to our information is very unfair and their behaviour is outrageous. We approached them several times in a year for assistance and since we are the only Holocaust Survivors organization in Brooklyn (is one other which represent survivors from previous Soviet Union) - for survivors who needed help for purposes no other organization assist them, they declined by saying that they only use very old and very established organizations and they don't use newly established ones like ours, but this is plain not true since they did use such organizations which had nothing to do with survivors and were in the survivors fields new and no organization was working and gave any assistance survivors only when they received the funds from them (from the Claims Conference). Our program to secure the reparations from Hungary, Slovakia (The Hungarians paying monthly some reparations or in a one summs). We suppose to work and put some pressure on the Hungarian Government to pay more, but nobody did anything in this regard. (I was working during the war in a Hungarian large factory and that factory they sold for hundreds of million dollar) Also we not suppose to forget that Hungarian nice people plain sold us to the Germans and their behavior was not better than other Nazis, (Also we find out that the same law according to which they paying is also include such person who was victimized by the Russians and paying them ten times more than for Jewish) We emphasized in our request from Claims Conference, but they plain declined with plain untrue reasons. Also other programs what we initiated they declined to fund but in the same time they funded for similar programs other organizations which received and relieving funds from other sources, like city, state and federal and also UJA. In this stage I repeating the happening with that Mr. Keller who lived in a studio apartment and even a gas range didn't had and nobody thought to take care his problem for betterment of his housing problems. With our speaking to the Claims Conference in this regard they plain said they don't wanted to hear about housing problem. I mentioned this episode on page #1 of this letter, and nobody helped him.

I will here insert a other information about the Claims Conference behavior in a case they had with a family Hammerstein whose property they the Claims Conference took in East Germany and sold it and refused to give back to Hammerstein family and they opened a case in Supreme Court New York county #114.355/98 and they refused even after arguments give back the property, but according information they made some sort of settlement, but the behavior how they handled someone else's Jewish property, is outrageous.



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Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc.  
15 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Room 906  
New York, NY 10010

Dear sirs:

In response to your letter of March 21, 2000, we will detail our programs and the need for your assistance. We will also explain our function and role in the Holocaust Survivor community and our involvement assisting these individuals.

Our goal and purpose is explained in our original application letter and accompanying minutes of our organizational meeting. Since we are Survivors ourselves and many of our close friends are Survivors, we understand the emotional and social issues surrounding each individual case. We see why some Survivors cannot avail themselves of the various programs in a dignified manner. If there is no dignity, many Survivors would rather not take advantage of a program.

Our main goals are:

1. To preserve the dignity of every Survivor. Many Survivors do not receive adequate compensation for their needs and many are embarrassed to avail themselves of programs and moneys that may be available. Others also are not aware of the programs in which they can participate.
2. To conduct an assessment of the actual needs of the Holocaust Survivor population as a group and individually. We will conduct these assessments through individual interviews as well as in group settings.
3. To assist and work closely with other organizations to obtain and preserve reparations, compensation, etc. for those Survivors who have not received any such compensation or who have received inadequate compensation. We are in a position to identify such Survivors who may have fallen through the cracks or who, for emotional and social reasons, have not received such compensation.
4. To assist and work closely with other organizations to obtain reparations, compensation, etc. for Survivors from countries and areas which have not yet been

- targeted for such reparations. We will also further target countries and areas which have already provided reparations.
5. To assist Survivors who may currently receive reparations and Social Security but who still do not have enough income to pay rent and maintain a dignified living standard. There are many Survivors who have yearly incomes of \$10,000 to \$15,000. Most of this income goes to rent, after which there is little left for basic necessities. The meager relief these Survivors receive is not sufficient and many end up in emergency situations. We want to bring up these Survivors' standard of living by assisting organizations in targeting these individuals for reparations or for further reparations.
  6. To assist Survivors who do not receive reparations from any sources or who cannot handle their own affairs. In many cases, Survivors receive a meager \$1500 yearly which is difficult to obtain and is certainly not sufficient.
  7. To assist Survivors in obtaining decent and affordable housing. We will identify or build apartments for these Survivors and provide this housing to Survivors in a dignified and affordable manner. We have made inquiries and verified that such housing can be found with sufficient funding and help. Most Survivors are seventy to eighty years old and many are older. They not only need simple housing but also added services commensurate to their advanced age.
  8. To obtain for Survivors adequate medical insurance to complement Medicare. With the advanced age of Survivors, this becomes most important. In many cases, we have found that Survivors need legal advice and other legal help.
  9. To preserve the cultural, especially written, assets of the pre-Holocaust Jewish community. Much work is required to identify, obtain, and preserve the writings of that generation, especially of the great Rabbis of that age.

Our surveys indicate that there is a definite need for these services. We cannot help the Survivors in need, however, until we receive sufficient funding to carry out these programs. Our inquiries with private and institutional contractors, for example, show that we can provide at least minimal housing for Survivors. We need to establish a fund and do whatever we can for the Survivor community since time is running out and they cannot wait until next year to apply again.

Our reading of your organization's charter clearly indicates that our programs, which we can implement successfully today with your help, is perfectly aligned with your goals of providing aid and encouragement to the remnants of Jewish Survivors in a dignified and noble manner.

Sincerely,

*Rabbi Anshel Weisz*  
*Margel Keller*  
*Avner Kamin*

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
 Rabbi Laufer, Chairman

*[Signature]*  
 Abraham Friedman secretary.

dec. 8. 2003.

Proposed First Year Budget;

1./Legal Fees (organizational	2.500.00
2./Office Space	10.000.00
3./ Meeting Space for Community Meetings	5.000.00
4./ Office Staff	80.000.00
5./ Professional Staff	100.000.00
6./ Office Equipment	10.000.00
7./ Other expenses (utilities, taxes, insurance etc.)	50.000.00

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Dear Sirs:

We are hereby applying for an allocation for our Social Service Programs for Holocaust Survivors. There are many survivors in our community who require the services of our Programs. Some are indigent while others are ashamed to contact various organizations for assistance. In all cases, the pressing needs of these Survivors are not met. Our Social Service Programs will reach out and accommodate even these people.

We know many of these Survivors personally. We socialize with them and we go to Synagogue with them. They open up to us as peers because we survived the same horrors they did. They are embarrassed to go to organized reparations committees, to speak with lawyers, to fill out the forms where they must relive their experiences. They are not able to confide in the Social Services workers available through the organized reparations committee. In many cases they have no family members able to advocate for them.

Our intent is not to replace or compete with existing organizations that are servicing survivors. We intend, rather, to work with such organizations in joint programming efforts. The goals of our Social Services Programs are:

1. To preserve the dignity of every Survivor. Many Survivors do not receive adequate compensation for their needs while others are embarrassed to avail themselves of programs and monies. Still others are not aware of programs in which they can participate.
2. Many Survivors have not received reparations or have received inadequate compensation. We will work closely with and assist other organizations to preserve reparations for these Survivors. We already identified such Survivors who have fallen through the cracks or who, for emotional and social reasons, did not receive compensation or other services.

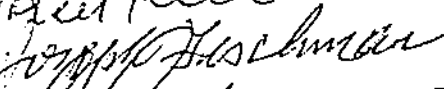
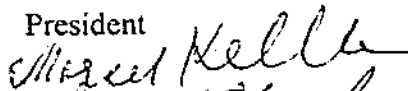
3. Our goal is to work closely with other organizations to obtain reparations, compensations, etc. for Survivors in countries which have not yet been targeted for paying reparations. These include Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, and other such countries. We will also further target countries which have already provided reparations such as Germany and Switzerland.
4. To obtain adequate medical insurance to complement Medicare. In many cases we have found that Survivors require legal assistance and advice.
5. Survivors also need social gatherings. They also need to attend lectures and other forms of entertainment.
6. To preserve the cultural and written assets of the pre-Holocaust Jewish community. To identify, obtain, and preserve the writings of that generation, especially the great Rabbis and Sages of that Age.

Our surveys indicate that there is a definite need for these services. These Survivors cannot wait and time is running out. Our hope is to allow them to live the remainder of their lives in some comfort.

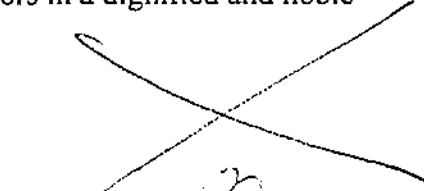
We hope that, with your help, we can be of service to these Survivors in a dignified and noble manner.

Respectfully,

Marcel Keller  
President



dec.8 2003.



Rabbi Laufer chairman.



Abraham Friedman secretary.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, INC.**

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July 30 2002.

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To; Ms. Lisbeth Stark  
Claims Conference.

**PRESIDENT**  
Mr. Marcel Keller

Dear Ms. Stark;

**VICE PRESIDENT  
AND TREASURER**  
Rabbi Asher Weiss

Please find our first budget (proposed).

**SECRETARY**  
Abraham Friedman

Organizational, legal and expenses...	20.000.-
Office and meeting space (rent)	30.000.-
Office and professional staff	75.000.-
Office equipment also furniture	15.000.-
shul equipment	15.000.-
other expenses, utilities, taxes, insurance etc.	20.000.-

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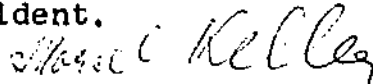
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To; Ms.Lisbeth Stark  
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Dear Ms. Stark ;

We submitted to you in july this year a  
aplication for alocation for our social program for  
Holocaust Survivors.

Since during the time we have requests  
to initiate a program also for suplying friday night  
diner and Sabt lunches and for jewish holidays for  
survivors who for some reason could not help them-  
selves with those traditional diners,and since this  
type of program is not around in our area we feel  
that is wery needed.

The budget for this program we esti-  
mate will be for the first year

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Please attach this suplement aplication  
to our original aplication and budget and please see  
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13 Adar II 5763  
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Even though the undersigned is closely connected with Agudas Yisroel of America, the proposal that follows is not formulated by Agudas Yisroel, nor is Agudas Yisroel sponsoring this proposal.

It is, however, an idea that I as a Holocaust survivor who is familiar with the problems faced by fellow survivors, feel it would be of great help to them, and should be administered preferably by the Claims Conference or by some other group that could sponsor it with the help of the Claims Conference.

As of today, the youngest Holocaust survivor is around 60-65 years old. That means that we may have a small population of Holocaust survivors actively present for the next 20 years or so.

As a result of the extraordinary suffering they endured, they may need help more than average people do. Rabbi Schwab ז"ל is known to have remarked that anyone who went through the Holocaust still bears the scars of his experiences, and we must take this into account when we try to meet their needs. Any help that we extend to them would be of great value.

Since we will have Holocaust survivors amongst us for another 20 years, I would suggest that we start planning now for their future, providing for their changing living and financial conditions. Towards this end, I would like to make the following proposal:

**Proposal 1.**

A division of the Claims Conference should undertake to build in a densely populated Jewish neighborhood, such as Boro Park, or Flatbush, at least forty apartments, with very low rental, to be made available to any Holocaust survivors. In this way, they would be assured of proper living conditions for the rest of their lives.

I would estimate that 40 apartments are needed, at a cost of about \$125,000 each apartment, totaling about 5 million dollars. We would have to budget an additional 2 million dollars for purchasing the land on which this development will be build,

At the end of ten or twenty years, these apartments would revert to the Claims Conference, which would then sell them, and deposit the money into a fund, to be allocated for other purposes. I believe this proposal would prove to be most helpful for those Holocaust survivors who are now struggling to maintain decent living quarters.



## Proposal 2

My second proposal is that the Claims Conference should establish a division that would make available small amounts of money to Holocaust survivors whenever they are in dire need of financial help – for medical purposes, or other emergency needs.

The suggested grant should be in the range of \$500 to \$1,000, as a one-time gift. If these small allocations were to be given annually, it would add up to half a million or one million dollars per year.

This should not be administered by an existing organization, but (I would suggest) it be overseen by a designated sub-committee of the Claims Conference. The people requiring such help will be dealt directly, and should not involve too much red tape.

May I humbly suggest that you look into these two proposals, and drawing on your vast experience, determine how they can be implemented as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Boruch B. Borchardt

cc Abraham Biederman  
cc George Klein  
cc Rabbi S. Blum  
cc Ch. D. Zwickel

## WHAT DO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS REALLY NEED

By Menachem Lubinsky

The decision on the allocation of funds secured in the \$1.25 billion Swiss banks settlement should first and foremost consider the needs of the surviving Holocaust survivors. They no doubt deserve the peace of mind in their golden years that they will be well cared for.

Many of the social service and health needs of the survivors are being met one way or another, yet their most pressing need is housing. It is no secret that the most needy amongst the survivors are frail like other aged people who are not sick enough to be in nursing homes but can no longer manage a private home or apartment. While not in dire need of regular medical attention or care, they do require some assistance, particularly with meals and personal care.

Holocaust survivors often live alone and are desperately in need of companionship, recreational activities, and other forms of social interaction. Nothing can be more depressing than to be isolated in the very communities that they have spent a lifetime. Of the several thousand Holocaust survivors who reside in such communities as Boro Park, Flatbush, Forest Hills, and Rego Park, they share a fear of being removed from their communities.

As a result, many of them would not even consider some of the housing units developed by the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty in Starrett City in Brooklyn or Co-op City in the Bronx even if they were eligible. After having been through ghettos and concentration camps, the least we can do is to provide them with housing in the communities where they feel most comfortable.

There are those who make a case that the money would not be wisely spent on a project that may at best outlive its usefulness in a decade hence. Most Holocaust survivors are in their 70's and '80's and the expectation would be that they would reside in these assisted living housing facilities for 5- 10 years at best.

We reject this argument. Even a few years of quality living is better than the conditions that some of the survivors live in currently. They may have only been under the Nazis for 5 or 6 years, but they deserve to be more comfortable, even for a day. Furthermore, a project of this nature will no doubt continue to serve Jews in need in the future, perhaps even second generation survivors who have also suffered from the mental anguish and trauma of growing up with parents who endured the living hell of the Nazis. Could there be a better legacy for the survivors than the knowledge that an assisted living project will help Jews even after they have passed on.

The recommendation for using restitution funds to make small cash grants is commendable. Social workers at Met Council and its network of Jewish Community Council frequently serve elderly indigent Holocaust survivors and the cash would go a long way, particularly on the eve of Jewish holidays. But such assistance pales by comparison with their need for shelter and supportive services, especially for those who are frail.

We are confident that the Jewish leadership involved in determining how to spend the Swiss settlement will result in a re-evaluation of the priorities of need. That funds will be appropriately directed to the real needs of aging Holocaust survivors: a roof over their heads with programmatic assistance to improve the quality of their lives.

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**Mr. Lubinsky is Chairman of the Board of the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty, a Vice President of Agudath Israel of America and a member of the New York City's Private Industry Council.**

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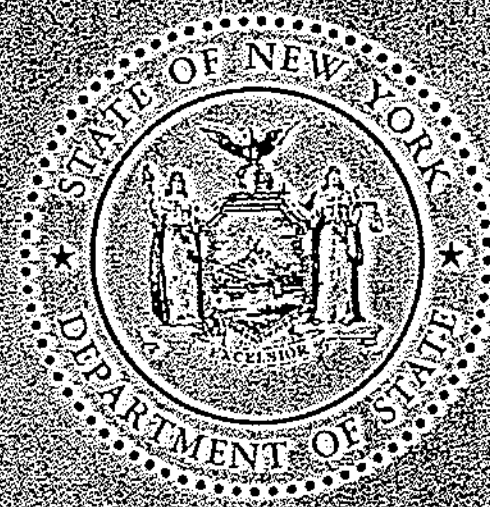
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## INFORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF BORO PARK HOLOCAUSE SURVIVORS

At a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999 at \_\_\_\_\_,  
the following were present (as listed on the attached sign-in sheet).

1. It was announced that Messrs. \_\_\_\_\_ had preliminarily met and proposed reformulating as an organization of Holocaust survivors from European areas during the period of 1939 to 1945 or any part thereof, currently residing in the Borough Park area of Brooklyn, New York.
2. It is a known fact that the Borough Park area holds the largest concentration of survivors of the Holocaust in the world today, numbering in the tens of thousands.
3. These survivors need a variety of services not currently offered, or inadequately offered, by the community at large. These include:
  4. Advocacy for general purposes, and application assistance in specific instances, regarding various current and proposed reparations, compensations, reimbursements, etc. programs from various sources including public, private, corporate, governmental, quasi-governmental, Swiss, German, Austrian, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, Polish, Romanian, European, or other areas.
  5. Advocacy will include advocating in the direction of, the extent of, etc. such programming, with an orientation towards the private individual claimants, as opposed to organizational claimants. For efficiency's sake, however, it may be advantageous to combine or group claims together, as the organization shall see fit.
  6. While a variety of social services do exist in the area, few, if any, are available to non-indigent or non-emergency-situated survivors. Accordingly, we will conduct an assessment of the needs of the Holocaust survivor population.
  7. The biggest need facing survivors today is adequate, affordable and decent housing. This program, therefore, will be the first that we will tackle. As housing costs escalate in the New York area, many of these survivors spend the largest portion of their limited income on housing. Many survivors cannot even afford decent housing. Survivors are seventy to eighty years old, many are older, and many live in rentals or housing that is inadequate for their needs. These elderly survivors need affordable and decent housing.
8. This organization does not intend to replace or compete with existing social services organizations. On the contrary, we intend to work with them in joint programming efforts and in targeting their programming to our members. One such partnership program that we will undertake is to obtain full medical coverage for each and every survivor.

9. Since various negotiations and financial distributions are currently being worked out, time is of the essence in setting up our organization and its advocacy services. Our organization will represent the community and its survivors on an individual and dignified basis.
10. For this reason, our organization requests appropriate financial assistance to fulfill our mission.

## Claims Conference To Scale Back

The organization responsible for securing and allocating billions of dollars from Holocaust restitution agreements may close its doors within the next year or two, according to an inside source.

One senior official at the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany said the organization has "perhaps another year or two." Claims Conference president Israel Singer said that his organization has accomplished most of its aims and "is a body that will dissolve itself." Singer said that the dismantling "can and should take place at an early date."

The executive vice president of the Claims Conference, Gideon Taylor, told the Forward that the 52-year-old organization will be reducing its administrative structure over the next year as it completes payments under some of the compensation programs. "However," he added, "as long as there is one survivor alive, we will be fighting and negotiating for more payments to survivors."

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# Southern Brooklyn Community Organization

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Rabbi Yaakov Lebovits  
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January 30, 2004

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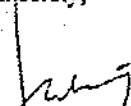
You have asked me for some guidance with regard to construction and development costs in Borough Park and its immediate surrounding communities. The following are general parameters of the current real estate market.

A lot size 40' x 100' can be purchased for approximately \$800,000. As of right, the allowable square footage that can be built is 8,800 (with the exception of corner lots which allow for 12,000 buildable square feet). Construction costs - hard and soft - should be calculated at \$135 per square foot.

Accordingly, a typical structure, would yield 8, two-bedroom units, consisting of 1,000 sq. ft. each. The cost of each unit would amount to approximately \$275,000.

*The above is intended for general information purposes only, and should not be construed, in any way, as a guaranty, assurance or commitment with regard to prices, or the availability of land, or to build or cause to be built, any property, structure or development.*

Sincerely,

  
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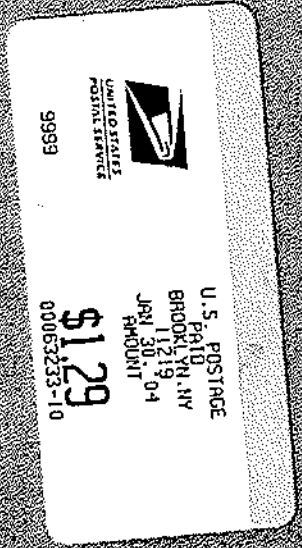
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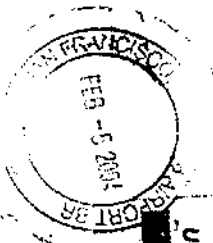
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